

## CHRISTMAS PEACE THOUGHTS

### **WISE WORDS TO HELP US MAKE SOME NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS!**

'You do not need to know precisely what is happening, or exactly where it is all going. What you need is to recognize the possibilities and challenges offered by the present moment, and to embrace them with courage, faith and hope.'

Thomas Merton

'Invite people into your life who don't look like you, don't think like you, don't act like you, don't come from where you come from. You might find that they will challenge your assumptions and help you grow as a person. Be assured, you will get powerful, new insights from these individuals.'

Melody Hobson

'Look for Christ and you will find Him, and with Him, everything else.'

CS Lewis

'In a world so torn apart by rivalry, anger, and hatred, we have the privileged vocation to be living signs of a love that can bridge all divisions and heal all wounds.'

Henri Nouwen

'If the grass looks greener on the other side.....stop staring; stop comparing; stop complaining and start watering the ground you're standing on!'

Anonymous

## WORTH WATCHING

### SUNDAY 8.00 pm BBC2: A PERFECT PLANET

Explains how our planet works and supports such diversity of life?

### MONDAY 10.00 pm C4: THE MAN WHO FELL FROM THE SKY

The shocking story of two young men who stowed away in the landing gear of a plane from South Africa - one survived; the other fell to his death just minutes before the plane landed in the UK, demonstrating the extreme lengths people will go to escape conflict, persecution and poverty in their home country.

### WEDNESDAY 10.45 pm BBC1: I AM GRETA

Follows Greta Thunberg as she attempts to effect major policy changes; delves into her upbringing and discovers what makes the teenage climate activist tick.

### THURSDAY 7.30 pm ITV1: HAS CASH BEEN CANCELLED?

With the use of contactless payments being encouraged during the pandemic, could the UK's cash system now be under threat?

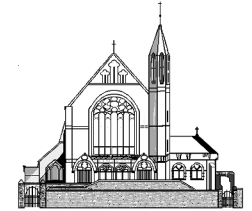
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## **THE PARISH OF ST MICHAEL AND SACRED HEART**

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Confessions: Saturday 12noon St Michael's



## 2nd/3rd Jan 2nd Sunday after Christmas Yr B P.114

### MASS TIMES

Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart

Tuesday 9.30am St Michael

Wed 12noon FUNERAL (not mass) Tommy Lunt, St Michael

Wednesday EPIPHANY 7.00pm Sacred Heart

Thursday 7.00pm St Michael

Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart

Sunday 10.30am St Michael

## GOSPEL THOUGHTS John 1: 1-18

Belonging to a football team and especially being in the crowd at a game can even be a 'spiritual experience'. God made us and said we are not to be alone. The feeling that we belong is an essential experience for all people. It is distressing for those who look on and see loneliness, as it is uncomfortable for the lonely person.

God is with us, we belong.

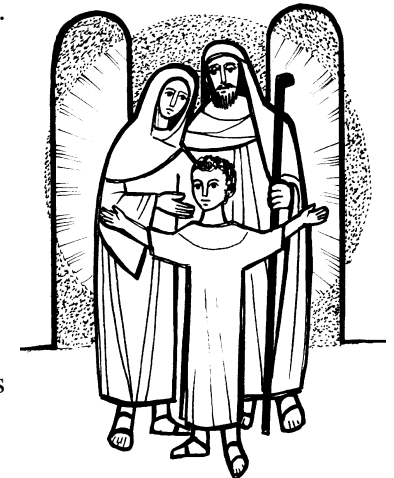
God is the breath we breathe, we are not alone.

Jesus is our brother and He said God is our Father, we belong.

God became one of us, we are not alone.

Christmas celebrates that we are God's children. A warm night in, sitting on the couch after tea, can be cosy and it fortifies all who are involved. We are all comfortable.

The strength and contentment we need to grow to maturity and be wise only comes if we know we are wanted. For security and a deep component of our own humanness we need to be confident and comfortable even when we are frequently forgiven. Let's say the 'Our Father' often, trusting that we are cosy in God's family.



## REMEMBERED

...during Mass  
Pauline McCarthy, Thomas Lunt,  
James Abrahams, Irene Henshaw  
and members of our own families  
who have gone before us.

## SYNOD 2020 (2021)

The parish SYNOD team met to look at your  
ideas and preferred proposals.  
After discernment your submissions have gone forward to  
the full SYNOD meeting in 2021.  
Pray for those with the task now of preparing for the  
next stage of the SYNOD process.  
[synod2020.co.uk](http://synod2020.co.uk)

## LET US PRAY

*Come Holy Spirit,  
fill our hearts with wisdom, love and courage.  
Guide us in prayer and action  
as we journey towards Synod 2021  
to become the Church you are calling us to be.  
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.*

**Be careful for those you love  
and meet over the holiday.  
STAY CAUTIOUS**

## FAMILY PRAYER

*O God you cradle us in the beginning of life  
and embrace us at our journeys end,  
for you love us as your own.  
Bind our families together and deepen our faith,  
that, like the Holy Family of Nazareth,  
we may grow in wisdom, guided by your Word.  
Amen.*

*Time to visit the Holy Family  
and see the three Kings in the Stable*

We are advised to encourage you to carefully  
consider your visit to church .

The Archbishop has advised that we decorate the church  
and invite you to visit the crib and bring the family to pray at  
the stable in the days before and after Christmas Day  
so as not to be caught up in a cluster/crowd.

## Epiphany MASS TIMES when you can visit the Crib

*Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart*

*Tuesday 9.30am St Michael*

*Wednesday 7.00pm Sacred Heart*

*Thursday 7.00pm Michael*

*Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart*

*Sunday 10.30am St Michael's*

Choose your day carefully and avoid a crowd!



## STREAMING OF MASSES

[www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk)

This also includes activities for youngsters.